Director's Message,

Welcome to the first newsletter from The Australian Centre for Entrepreneurship Research (ACE)!

Hosted at the Queensland University of Technology, ACE has two missions: firstly, to sustain our position as leading in Australia and highly recognised internationally as a leading producer of entrepreneurship research, and secondly to be a major hub for making entrepreneurship research accessible and useful to practitioners. This goes for our own research as well as that undertaken by colleagues elsewhere in Australia and around the world. We intend for the newsletter to be a regular means of communication to support ACEs second mission. It will allow us to not only share some of the successes that our researchers are having, but also as a means of introducing, and providing direct access to research findings that may be of interest.

I recently wrote an opinion piece for Brisbane Business News which provides my view on the role that centres like ACE has in servicing practice. You can read it here.

You were selected for our mailing list as someone who may have an interest in research-based knowledge about entrepreneurship. In this we include creation of new ventures by individuals as well as by existing firms. ACE also covers related areas such as innovation, small business management, and new venture funding. We very much welcome your involvement with our centre. Indeed, the value of ACE is as much in the level of engagement we have with you, as it is with the academic research that our great team is conducting. We certainly welcome your feedback on how ACE may better serve your interests.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in 2011 and wish you, your colleagues and and your families a happy festive season.

Regards

Per Davidsson
Director

Growing profitably or growing from profits?

Praise for rapidly growing firms – the 'gazelles' as they are sometimes called – abound in the media and sometimes also in political rhetoric. These fast-growing firms, we are told, create the bulk of new jobs and new wealth and are therefore the heroes of the economy. And surely sometimes they are. Read more...

Benefits and drawbacks of start-up team heterogeneity

Start-ups in innovative industries are

Academy of Management Award for Michael Stuetzer

Dr Michael Stuetzer, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow within the Australian Centre for Entrepreneurship Research has been recognised as a finalist for the 2011 Dorothy Harlow Best Paper Award within the Gender and Diversity division of the Academy of Management. Read more...

IPMA Young Researcher Award for Rene Bakker
It is proving to be a rewarding conference season for the Australian Centre for Entrepreneurships Research Postdoctoral Research fellow Rene Bakker. He recently was awarded two significant young researcher awards. Read more...

**Project Update – CAUSEE**

The [Comprehensive Australian Study of Entrepreneurial Emergence](#) (CAUSEE) project that ACE has been conducting over the past 4 years has just completed its final year of data collection. What this means is that we now have one of the largest longitudinal datasets on Australian entrepreneurial activity. Read more...

**International Research Collaboration**

ACE may be located in Australia, however we are fortunate to be able to collaborate and work with some of the leading international entrepreneurship scholars. This ensures that we are able to ensure that the work we do is recognised and used globally. Read more...

**Supporting entrepreneurs in developing economies**

Dr Marcello Tonelli and Associate Professor Carol Dalglish have been working on a number of projects related to entrepreneurship in developing countries. One of their current projects is an ethnographic study in Mozambique based on work which was first started by Carol Dalglish in 2004. Read more...

**Entrepreneurship is certainly alive and well in Brisbane**

The last two weeks have seen both the Q400 awards and the Brisbane Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards. Both of these events have highlighted the number of great emerging ventures that exists within Queensland. Read more...

**Project Update – GEM**

ACE is the Australian Partner for the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM). GEM is an annual assessment on the national level of entrepreneurial activity. We are currently working on the GEM report summarising the 2011 survey, which will be available early 2012. Read more...

**Project Update - DEEO**

Dr Henri Burgers is leading the latest project at ACE supported by Dr Sandeep Salunke, which is focussed in the discovery and exploitation of entrepreneurial opportunities within the mining sector. A number of face to face interviews have been help, which have revealed some interesting findings. Read more...

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often created by teams rather than individual entrepreneurs. Furthermore team started ventures seem to outperform solo started ventures. Michael Stuetzer has been investigating this area and his initial findings make interesting reading. Read more...